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VOTERS TO CHOOSE DELEGATES SOON.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS TO ASSEMBLE AT VARIOUS COUNTY SEATS MONDAY, MAY 1.

Columbia, April 10:—In accordance with the direct primary law passed by the General Assembly at its session in 1915 the Democratic voters of South Carolina will meet in their respective club places on or before the fourth Saturday in April and elect delegates to the county conventions, which assemble in the various county seats the first Monday in May. The clubs will elect officers and one delegate to the county convention for every twenty-five voters or majority fraction thereof, based upon the number of votes polled in the first primary of 1914.

The clubs will also elect a member to represent them upon the county Democratic executive committee.

The rules governing the Democratic party as drawn up by the State convention in 1914 were enacted into law at the session of the General Assembly in 1915. This puts it beyond the power of the coming State convention to amend or modify the existing provisions of the present rules and regulations of the party. However, it does not preclude adopting additional rules and regulations which are not in conflict with the statute law.

The principal features of the law governing organization of the clubs for the primaries every two years provide that each voter must sign his full name on the club rolls. The personal enrollment provision is considered one of the strongest safeguards of the primary, and though its adoption created strong opposition, it is now an accepted principle of the party and its wisdom was justified in its workings two years ago.

The county conventions will meet at noon the first Monday in May at the various county seats, organize, elect the county chairman, choose delegates to the State convention and elect a member of the State Democratic executive committee. The county conventions will also transact such other matters as may be of interest to the various counties.

Each county is entitled to twice as many delegates as it has representation in the General Assembly.

The Democratic State convention will meet in the hall of the House of Representatives Wednesday, May 17, at noon. It will be called to order by John Gary Evans, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee. The convention will be composed of 336 delegates.

The main business before the convention will be the election of four delegates at large to the national Democratic convention in St. Louis, the election of a member of the national Democratic executive committee, a position now held by United States Senator B. R. Tillman, the elec-

tion of a State chairman, now held by former Governor John Gary Evans, and the making of such rules and regulations governing the party primaries and the conduct of the campaign as it may see fit.

The delegates from the various Congressional districts will caucus during the day and elect two delegates from each district to the St. Louis convention. This will give South Carolina 18 votes in the national Democratic gathering.

The fight to abolish the county-to-county canvass of the candidates will be one of the main struggles to come before the State convention. If the canvass is not abolished there is every reason to believe that it will be safeguarded and amended.

The complexion of the "Big Four" to St. Louis is beginning to attract some attention. It is customary to send the two United States Senators and the Governor. The names of Senators Tillman and Smith, Governor Manning, former Governor John Gary Evans, State Warehouse Commissioner John L. McLaurin, former Governor Cole L. Blease, Christie Benet, Senator Alan Johnstone, Congressman Lever, R. Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Solicitor Robert A. Cooper, former Governor M. F. Ansel, are among those mentioned for the delegates at large to the national Democratic convention.

South Carolina will undoubtedly instruct for President Woodrow Wilson, and his administration will be heartily endorsed by the Palmetto Democrats. As this was one of the original Wilson States, the South Carolina Democrats will be given a place of honor at St. Louis.

With the club meetings only two weeks off, general apathy on the part of the people is the outstanding feature of the general situation. The indifference has never been more noticeable, and it seems now as if the organization of the clubs and the conventions will be purely formal affairs and there will be an entire avoidance of anything like factional contests or partisan proceedings.

Jos E McCants Dead.

Readers of The Record will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Jos E. McCants, of the Earles section, which occurred Friday afternoon. For three years or more Mr. McCants had been a sufferer from dropsy, and being dependent upon his friends for support several appeals were made through this paper in his behalf, as a result of which a number of the good people of the county contributed to his cause. The deceased was a young man, less than thirty years of age, was industrious, and a hard worker before he was stricken to his bed. He leaves a wife and one child. Interment took place Saturday afternoon at the Johnson Swamp cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of sympathizing friends. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Melville Powell. Peace to his ashes.

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Salters Sketches.

Salters, April 11:—Mr. S. D. McKay left this morning for Balsam, N. C. He has been quite sick since last fall. Mr. McKay, now 77 years of age, has had many handicaps; he was a soldier in the great civil war and there received several wounds. Upon other occasions he had his skull split open, his collar bone and his shoulder broken. About 3 years ago he suffered severely from a carbuncle on the back of his neck and has had his second stroke of paralysis. He is now able to go to North Carolina, accompanied by his nephew, Mr. J. T. McKay, who has been down here since Mr. McKay's last stroke of paralysis, about four weeks ago.

Messrs. W. T. Wilkins and J. C. Kelley of Kingstree were visitors here last Thursday.

Mrs. E. W. Tuttle spent a few days at Greelyville last week. She was accompanied home by Miss Hattie Tuttle.

Mrs. S. E. Davis has been spending some time at Lanes with her brother, Mr. Luther Rogers, who has been very sick.

Mr. C. W. Boswell has been confined to his bed for a few days, but is able to be out again.

Quite a number attended Field day exercises in Kingstree Friday and Saturday.

HUSTLER.

Presbyterial at Kingstree.

Harmony Presbyterial will hold its annual spring meeting in Williamsburg Presbyterial church, beginning Sunday morning at 10:30, services conducted by Dr. George P. Stevens, missionary to China. In the afternoon at 4:30 Mrs. J. R. Graham, another missionary to China, will talk especially to young people. There will also be special services at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The regular business session of the Presbyterial will begin on Monday morning at ten o'clock, and there will be a luncheon served at the church at one o'clock between the morning and afternoon sessions, to which all visitors will be welcomed. There will also be services Monday evening and Tuesday morning and afternoon. The ladies of all congregations in Kingstree and throughout the county are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Presbyterial.

H. U. KINDER,

Candidate For Sheriff,
States His Position
to the People.

To my friends and the voters of Williamsburg county:

This letter is to call your attention to my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of this county and to especially stress the fact that I want and earnestly solicit your support in the Democratic primary in August. In return for your support, I promise, if elected, to perform the duties of this responsible office to the best of my ability and without fear or favor, recognizing at all times the fact that the laws of the great State of South Carolina are made by the people and apply to no special race, class or creed, but to all alike.

For the past four years I have held the office of Coroner of the county and I feel no hesitancy in saying that I have performed the duties of that office faithfully and conscientiously to the best interest of the people.

If I should be elected to the office to which I now aspire, it is my intention to secure and maintain at my own expense, a pack of well trained bloodhounds for use in connection with the office and for the citizens of Williamsburg county as a means of assistance in bringing to justice such culprits as might otherwise escape the law.

Again requesting your vote and your support in my behalf for this office and assuring you in advance of my sincere appreciation, I am,

Very truly yours,
adv H. U. KINDER.

Lieutenant E. B. Wheeler of Marion has been appointed naval aide to Ambassador Sharpe at Paris through the influence of Congressman Ragsdale.

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